



Tennessee Department of Revenue

Sales Tax Holiday: School Supplies – \$100 or Less

Tenn. Code Ann. Section 67-6-393 establishes annual sales tax holidays in Tennessee. The holiday starts each year at 12:01 a.m. on the first Friday in August and ends at 11:59 p.m. on the following Sunday. In 2007, the holiday will begin on Friday, August 3 and end on Sunday, August 5. Please note: In **2008 only**, there is a **special one-time holiday**, from March 21 at 12:01 a.m. through March 23 at 11:59 p.m.

During the holiday, school supplies (including school art supplies) **with a purchase price of \$100 or less per item** are exempt from sales tax. Legislation passed in 2007 now exempts school art supplies. School supplies individually priced at more than \$100 or items purchased for use by a trade or business are **not** exempt from tax. Items that are normally sold together may not be split to achieve the \$100 threshold. Under these special holiday laws, there is no requirement that purchases be made only for students. If an item is tax exempt, **anyone may make the purchase tax-free**.

School supplies are defined as items used by a student in a course of study. Specifically excluded are items such as instructional material, including reference books and school computer supplies (compact discs, printers, and printer ink).

Exempt school supplies (including school art supplies) during the holiday period include:

Binders	Erasers	Markers	Protractors
Backpacks	Folders	Notebooks	Rulers
Bookbags	Glazes	Paintbrushes for Artwork	School Supply Boxes
Blackboard Chalk	Glue, Paste, & Paste Sticks	Paints – acrylic, tempora, & oil	Scissors
Cellophane Tape	Highlighters	Paper	Sketch & drawing pads
Clay	Index Cards	Pencil Boxes	Watercolors
Compasses	Index Card Boxes	Pencil Sharpeners	Writing Tablets
Composition Books	Legal Pads	Pencils	
Crayons	Lunch Boxes	Pens	

More information from the Department of Revenue is available from the following sources:

- Web site: www.Tennessee.gov/revenue or www.tntaxholiday.com
 - E-mail: salestax.holiday@state.tn.us
- Telephone: **(800) 342-1003** 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., CST, Monday through Friday
Special Telephone Hours:
 August 4, 2007, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., CST and August 5, 2007, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., CST